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For A Small Entity

Applicants : Gary S. Fanton et al.
For : APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR CLEARING
OBSTRUCTIONS FROM SURGICAL CUTTING INSTRUMENTS

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR UNEXECUTED
ORIGINAL PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the [X] specification; [X] claims; [X] abstract; [X] unexecuted declaration; [X] printEFS data sheet, for the above-identified patent application.

Also transmitted herewith are:

[X] 16 sheets of:

- [] Formal drawings.
- [X] Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.

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from which priority is claimed.

☐ An assignment of the invention to _____.

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☒ Small entity status is respectfully requested.

☒ Nonpublication Request.

☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

FOR	NUMBER FILED			NUMBER EXTRA			RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE								\$385.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	53	-	20	=	33	X \$9	=	\$297.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	-	3	=	3	X \$43	=	\$129.00
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- ☐ This application is being filed unaccompanied by a filing fee. The appropriate filing fee will be paid in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -- This is a ☐ continuation-in-part, of Application No.: _____, filed _____ entitled _____.
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NONPUBLICATION REQUEST
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a), applicant hereby requests that the above-identified patent application, which is being filed concurrently herewith, not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b). It is hereby certified that the invention disclosed in the application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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